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In response to the Office Action mailed May 16, 2008, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

The **claims** are presented on pages 2-14.

Claim 150 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

Remarks begin on page 15.